

To: Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; Smith, Paula[Smith.Paula@epa.gov]
From: Sarah McHaney
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 2:54:17 PM
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

We ran a tape package, but didn't have a guest on the show.

I appreciate you trying though, perhaps there will be another opportunity in the coming week or so to try and work something out.

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:32 PM
To: Sarah McHaney; Smith, Paula
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

Sorry we missed this. Are you still running with something tonight?

From: Sarah McHaney [mailto:smchaney@newshour.org]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:59 PM
To: Mylott, Richard; Smith, Paula
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

I understand, keep me posted as you can.

Thank you,

Sarah

From: Mylott, Richard [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:54 PM

To: Sarah McHaney; Smith, Paula
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

Sarah—thanks, we're working on it. There's a significant amount of prep work going on for a planned 3 pm MST media update so it may be difficult.

From: Sarah McHaney [<mailto:smchaney@newshour.org>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Mylott, Richard; Smith, Paula
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

Hi – Sorry to bother, but I need an answer fairly soon if someone from the EPA will be available.

Thank you,

Sarah McHaney

From: Sarah McHaney
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 1:32 PM
To: 'mylott.richard@epa.gov'; 'smith.paula@epa.gov'
Subject: RE: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight

I just wanted to add that it looks likely we'll be interview either the Governor of New Mexico or their Secretary for the Environment. If the EPA is also available for an interview the idea would be to give both interviews equal time and tape them back-to-back. Judy Woodruff would do both interviews.

Thank you,

Sarah

From: Sarah McHaney
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:25 PM
To: 'mylott.richard@epa.gov'
Subject: FW: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight
Importance: High

Hi Rich – I was told to pass this request on to you, please let me know as soon as you can if someone is available.

Thank you,

Sarah McHaney

From: Sarah McHaney
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:48 AM
To: 'smith.paula@epa.gov'
Subject: PBS NewsHour Request - Tonight
Importance: High

Hi Paula,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Sarah McHaney, I am a producer at the PBS NewsHour. We are doing a segment tonight on the Animas River in Colorado and the active spill in the region. We are wondering if the EPA is planning on making anyone available to the press today about the situation. We would love to speak to someone either on the national or regional level. Judy Woodruff is the correspondent doing this interview.

We would ask some basic questions about how this spill occurred, how dangerous it is to the community, and what are the efforts already underway to curb the spill. Then bigger picture questions about what a full cleanup will take, if there is a way to prevent future spills of this nature, and if you live near this river what you should be doing in the meantime.

Please let me know as soon as possible if someone is available. We can be somewhat flexible on timing, but our ideal windows are between 4:15pm EST – 5:15pm EST or live at 6:20pm EST.

Thank you,

Sarah McHaney

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